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Amendment B, cont'd

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TSI ant relaxation, the head may suddenly fall to one side, waking the passenger and making the possibility of restful sleep remote or hopeless. Many travelers have tried to provide lateral support to their head by placing a pillow next to the hull of the vehicle or on the shoulder of a fellow passenger. The possible spatial orientations of this ad hoc solution are incredibly very limited, and the pillow is held fast only by the force of the user's head. A slight shift of the body, neck, or head will allow the pillow to fall out of place.

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U.S. Pat. No. 5,975,638 issued to Schreiner discloses a pillow for sleeping upright in a chair that attaches with a sheet and straps in a manner similar to Arias's device. Schreiner's floppy lateral support could not support a fully relaxed human head unless the chin strap is used, thereby greatly restricting movement of the head. Again, as with many other such headrests, an element behind the head thrusts the head forward.

Page 12, please make the following additions to the first paragraph:

FIGS. 7 and 7A disclose an inflatable embodiment. The inflatable structure 36 is made from vinyl, rubber, or another suitable airtight elastic material, and is a tear-drop shape, or other suitable form. The head-support portion 14 and base portion 15 are included with the unified inflatable unit. The head-support portion includes a convex cushioning portion 21. For instance, in the tear-drop shaped embodiment depicted in FIG. 7 and 7A, the hemispherical or dome-shaped portion of the tear drop

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23 (m) cushioning portion 21; the conical, rearward portion of the tear drop comprises the base portion 15, resting against the seat back 12. It may be observed that, as with other non-inflatable embodiments, the base portion 15 prevents the head-support portion 14 from collapsing toward the seat back 12 under the weight the user's head. An air inlet valve 37 is located out the area in which a user's head, face, or neck would contact. Strap loops 38 on the inflatable unit surround the straps 13 and 13A (only one of which, 13, is shown in FIG. 7). Slide-back stoppers 39, preferably made of hard plastic, are attached to the straps and have flanges that extend beyond the opening enclosed by the strap loops.

Page 6, please add the following two paragraphs at the end of page 6:

FIG. 7 is a side view of an alternative embodiment of the headrest with an inflatable structure.

FIG. 7A is a perspective view of a person using the alternative embodiment of the headrest referenced in FIG. 7.